

After firing, come to the **priming** position, (*also known as the **recover***)

Half-cock Firelock! 1 motion.

Handle, Cartridge ! 1 motion.

Prime ! 1 motion

Shut, Pan ! 2 motions.

Charge with Cartridge ! 2 motions.

Draw, Rammer ! 2 motions.

Ram down, Cartridge ! 1 motion.

Return, Rammer ! 1 motion.

Shoulder, Firelock ! 2 motions.

Poise, Firelock ! Two motions

Cock Firelock! 2 motions.

Take Aim ! 1 motion.

Fire ! 1 motion.

Priming and Loading as Performed in the Firings

Prime and Load !

Make ready!

Take Aim

Fire!

The Orders with Descriptions

(*After firing the musket*) ...come to the **priming** position, (*also known as the **recover***) placing heels even, with the right toe pointing to the right, the lock opposite the right breast, the muzzle directly to the front and as high as the hat, the left hand just forward of the feather-spring, holding the piece firm and steady; and at the same time seize the cock with the fore-finger and thumb of the right hand, the back of the hand turned up.

Half-cock Firelock! 1 motion.

Half bend the cock briskly, bringing down the elbow to the butt of the firelock.

Handle, Cartridge ! 1 motion.

Bring your right hand short round to your pouch, slapping it hard, seize the cartridge, and bring it with a quick motion to your mouth, bite the top off down to the powder, covering it instantly with your thumb, and bring the hand as low as the chin, with the elbow down.

Prime ! 1 motion

Shake the powder into the pan, and covering the cartridge again, place the three last fingers behind the hammer, with the elbow up.

Shut, Pan ! 2 motions.

1st. Shut your pan briskly, bringing down the elbow to the butt of the firelock, holding the cartridge fast in your hand.

2d. Turn the piece nimbly round before you to the loading position, with the lock to the front, and the muzzle at the height of the chin, bringing the right hand up under the muzzle; both feet being kept fast in this motion.

Charge with Cartridge ! 2 motions.

1st. Turn up your hand and put the cartridge into the muzzle, shaking the powder into the barrel.

2d. Turning the stock a little towards you, place your right hand closed, with a quick and strong motion, upon the butt of the rammer, the thumb upwards, and the elbow down.

Draw, Rammer ! 2 motions.

1st. Draw your rammer with a quick motion half out, seizing it instantly at the muzzle back-handed.

2d. Draw it quite out, turn it, and enter it into the muzzle.

Ram down, Cartridge ! 1 motion.

Ram the cartridge well down the barrel, and instantly recovering and seizing the rammer back-handed by the middle, draw it quite out, turn it, and enter it as far as the lower pipe, placing at the same time the edge of the hand on the butt-end of the rammer.

Return, Rammer ! 1 motion.

Thrust the rammer home, and instantly bring up the piece with the left hand to the shoulder, seizing it at the same time with the right hand under the cock, keeping the left hand at the swell, and turning the body square to the front.

Shoulder, Firelock ! 2 motions.

1st. Bring down the left hand, placing it strong upon the butt.

2d. With a quick motion bring the right hand down by your side.

Poise, Firelock ! Two motions

1st. With the left hand turn the firelock briskly, bringing the lock to the front, At the same instant, seize it with the right hand just below the lock, keeping the piece perpendicular.

2d. With a quick motion bring up the firelock from the shoulder directly before the face, and seize it with the left hand just above the lock, so that the little finger may rest upon the feather spring, and the thumb lie on the stock; the left hand must be of an equal height with the eyes.

Cock Firelock! 2 motions.

1st. Turn the barrel opposite your face, and place your thumb upon the cock, raising the elbow square at this motion.

2d. Cock the firelock by drawing down the elbow, immediately placing your thumb upon the breech-pin, and the fingers under the guard.

Take Aim ! 1 motion.

Step back about six inches with the right foot, bringing the left toe to the front; at the same time drop the muzzle, and bring up the butt-end of the firelock against your right shoulder; place the left hand forward on the swell of the stock, and the fore-finger of the right hand before the trigger; sinking the muzzle a little below a level, and with the right eye looking along the barrel.

Fire ! 1 motion.

Pull the trigger briskly, and immediately after bringing up the right foot, come to the priming (or recover) position, placing heels even, with the right toe pointing to the right, the lock opposite the right breast, the muzzle directly to the front and as high as the hat, the left hand just forward of the feather-spring, holding the piece firm and steady; and at the same time seize the cock with the fore-finger and thumb of the right hand, the back of the hand turned up

Priming and Loading as Performed in the Firings

Prime and Load !

1st. Come to the recover, throwing up your firelock, with a smart spring of the left hand, directly before the left breast, and turning the barrel inwards; at that moment catch it with the right hand below the lock, and instantly bringing up the left hand, with a rapid motion, seize the piece close above the lock, the little finger touching the feather-spring; the left hand to be at an equal height with the eyes, the butt of the firelock close to the left breast, but not pressed, and the barrel perpendicular.

2nd. Bring the firelock down with a brisk motion to the priming position, the heels being even, with the right toe pointing to the right, the lock opposite the right breast, the muzzle directly to the front and as high as the hat, instantly placing the thumb of the right hand against the face of the steel, the fingers clinched, and the elbow a little turned out, that the wrist may be clear of the cock.

3rd. Open the pan by throwing back the steel with a strong motion of the right arm, keeping the firelock steady in the left hand.

4th Handle Cartridge

5th Prime

6th Shut Pan

7th Cast About

8th and 9th Load

10th and 11th Draw Rammer

12th Ram down Cartridge

13th Return Rammer

14th and 15th Shoulder Firelock

N.B.

The motion of recover, coming down to the priming position, and opening the pan to be done in the usual time; the motions of handling cartridge to shutting the pan, to be done as quick as possible; when the pans are shut, make a small pause, and cast about together; then the loading and shouldering motions are to be done as quick as possible.

Ready ! One motion.

Spring the firelock briskly to a recover, as soon as the left hand seizes the firelock above the lock, the right elbow is to be nimbly raised a little, placing the thumb of that hand upon the cock, the fingers open by the plate of the lock, and as quickly as possible cock the piece, by dropping the elbow, and forcing down the cock with the thumb, immediately seizing the firelock with the right hand, close under the lock; the piece to be held in this manner perpendicular, opposite the left side of the face, the body kept straight, and as full to the front as possible, and the head held up, looking well to the right.

Aim ! Fire !

As before explained.

Order, Firelock ! 2 motions.

1st. Sink the firelock with the left hand as low as possible, without constraint, and at the same time bringing up the right hand, seize the firelock at the left shoulder.

2d. Quit the firelock with the left hand, and with the right bring it down the right side, the butt on the ground, even with the toes of the right foot, the thumb of the right hand lying along the barrel, and the muzzle being kept at a little distance from the body.

Shoulder, Firelock ! Three motions.

1st. Quitting the piece with the right hand, with the left bring it up to the shoulder, and seize it again the the right hand under the cock, as in the second motion of secure.

2nd. Bring the left hand down strong upon the butt.

3rd. Bring the right hand down by your side.